



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held October 7, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Burke and Molina:

“October 15th culminates the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and marks the first day of what has become an annual observance in the fight against HIV/AIDS: National Latino AIDS Awareness Day. It is designated in Los Angeles County as ‘National Latino AIDS Awareness Day 2008.’

“Members of the Latino community are mobilizing themselves to stop this disease, to draw attention to the critical role HIV testing and prevention and education plays in stemming the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Latino community, becoming change agents by encouraging extended families to dialogue, network and confront HIV/AIDS, in order to effectively confront difficult issues that work against them. National Latino AIDS Awareness Day 2008 creates the opportunity to amplify community awareness and represents a call to action for Latinos to protect their lives and the lives of those they love by getting tested and learning about HIV.

“Los Angeles County has been critically impacted by the AIDS epidemic, with nearly 31,000 residents who have died from AIDS and over 23,000 individuals who are estimated to be living with AIDS. In 2007, persons of color accounted for over 70% of AIDS cases diagnosed; Latinos comprise 40% of persons living with AIDS and 36% of people living with HIV, thus comprising the largest proportion of HIV/AIDS cases in Los Angeles County.

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“In response to this epidemic, the County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS Programs and Policy, in partnership with the NLAAD Los Angeles Planning Committee, is promoting National Latino AIDS Awareness Day 2008 in a collaborative effort to build the awareness, education and prevention of this epidemic within the Latino community.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Molina, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board proclaimed October 15, 2008 as “National Latino AIDS Awareness Day 2008” throughout Los Angeles County; and urged all community members, community-based organizations and medical providers to participate in the efforts being established from this partnership.

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- Each Supervisor
- Chief Executive Officer
- County Counsel
- Director of Public Health
- Director, Office of AIDS
Programs and Policy